

## Potential Consolidated Plan Strategies Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The purpose of the Thurston County and City of Olympia Consolidate Plan is to pursue strategies that ensure decent affordable housing, provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities, and create jobs through the expansion and retention of businesses. Each funded activity must meet one of the three following CDBG National Objectives:

- 1) **Benefit low- and moderate-income persons;**
- 2) Prevent or elimination **of slums or blight;** or,
- 3) Address **community development needs having a particular urgency** because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community for which other funding is not available.

Below is a listing of strategies which represent the priorities for investing CDBG funds. Each year these strategies will be used as the framework from which to identify the specific activities to be pursued as action steps of the multi-year Consolidated Plan. These annual steps are presented in the one-year Annual Action Plan which identify the specific projects and programs to receive funding.

Following is a CDBG-specific listing of Consolidated Plan Strategies:

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Maintain, enhance and expand the supply of affordable housing for low and moderate income households for owners, renters and special needs populations through the following activities:

- 1) **Land Acquisition** – Acquisition of land and/or existing structures to support the development of new housing
- 2) **Housing Rehabilitation** – Renovation of both owner-occupied and renter-occupied housing
- 3) **New Construction** – Development of new housing units by approved non-profit organizations (Community Based Development Organizations {CBDO} for the CDBG Program and Community Housing Development Organizations {CHDO} for the HOME Program)
- 4) **Infrastructure** – Construction of public infrastructure required to support housing (see below “Public Facilities”)

**PUBLIC FACILITIES:** Develop and/or repair public facilities that support low income housing or neighborhoods through the following activities:

- 1) **Infrastructure Projects:** New or repaired sewer lines, water systems, sidewalk, other public utilities. (May be conducted to benefit specific individuals, specific housing projects or for area (neighborhood) benefit of low and moderate income people. *(please note: infrastructure may be the activity that supports projects involving affordable housing, economic development).*

- 2) **Public Community Centers:** New or rehabilitated facilities that serve predominantly low income people, includes community centers, homeless shelters, etc..

**SOCIAL SERVICES (PUBLIC SERVICES):** Fund a wide range of human services for low or no-income individuals and households to assist them to become self-sufficient or provide basic services for the stability of individuals or families. Activities to include supporting either ***a. operations and maintenance***; or, ***b. direct service delivery*** of the following:

- 1) **Homeless Services:** Emergency shelter, transitional housing, youth shelters, youth bridge programs, low barrier shelters, rapid rehousing programs, permanent supportive housing programs for disabled adults, coordinated system entry programs and other homeless system improvements.
- 2) **Social Services:** More broadly distributed services benefitting low and moderate income people, including food and nutrition programs, children's programs, senior programs, crisis centers, mental health programs, domestic violence programs, and other similar programs

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Fund a range of economic development activities that provide economic opportunity, principally for low and moderate income people. Fund sources include annual CDBG funding allotment; CDBG program income, or Section 108 Loan Guarantee funds. Activities include the following:

- 1) **Micro Enterprise Activity:** business training, technical assistance for small businesses, both new and existing.
- 2) **Micro Loans to Small Businesses:** Direct loans to support new small businesses.
- 3) **Job Creation:** Activities that support the creation of jobs for low and moderate income people
- 4) **Development Loans to Businesses:** Direct loans to support the creation, expansion, relocation or other business development expenses for medium and large businesses.
- 5) **Economic Development plans:** Community planning process to expand economic opportunity.